



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1883

1. Project Title Rural Florida Substance Use Disorder Initiative

2. Senate Sponsor Jennifer Bradley

3. Date of Request 02/09/2023

4. Project/Program Description

The goal is to increase access to quality behavioral health care for Floridians suffering from substance use disorder (SUD) in rural and underserved areas of the state, specifically Alachua, Baker, Bradford, Clay, Columbia, Gilchrist and Union counties. Aware Recovery Care will answer this need through its innovative and proven in-home care delivery model. To do so, the project will allow for the recruitment, hiring and training of licensed and unlicensed persons residing in, or recruited to, the targeted rural counties to provide in-home SUD and mental health services. These services may include, but are not limited to, in-home withdrawal management (detox), medically assisted treatment (MAT), psychotherapy, family therapy, family education, and peer support. The benefits to Floridians in these counties will continue on beyond the project's funding period as these professionals continue to deliver care to Floridians in need.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds Department of Children and Families

State Agency contacted? Yes

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	500,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	500,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	500,000	100%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	500,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. Is future funding likely to be requested? No

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.

10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1883

No

If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

11. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

☐ Planning ☐ Design ☐ Construction

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12. List the owners of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owners of the facility and the entity.

13. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	Funds will be used to identify, recruit, hire and train licensed and unlicensed professionals to deliver in-home addiction and mental health treatment in the rural counties identified. The employees hired and trained through this funding shall be Floridians residing in the targeted counties or persons willing to relocate to those counties.	500,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		500,000

14. Program Performance

a. What specific purpose or goal will be achieved by the funds requested?



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1883

The goal is to increase access to quality care for Floridians suffering from substance use disorder (SUD) in rural and under-served areas of the state, while at the same time increasing employment opportunities. The funds will be used to train licensed and unlicensed professionals to deliver in-home addiction and mental health treatment services. Aware Recovery Care will hire, train, and employ these individuals to provide in-home SUD treatment in areas where access to care is limited or services are non-existent or insufficient to serve the population.

b. What activities and services will be provided to meet the intended purpose of these funds?

Licensed and unlicensed professionals will be recruited, hired and trained to provide in-home addiction treatment through Aware's innovative approach. This is a challenge in rural Florida and deters health care providers from entering rural markets to provide care. These professionals will in turn provide treatment to citizens of the targeted rural counties suffering from substance use disorder. The benefits to Floridians in these counties will continue on beyond the project's funding period as these professionals continue to deliver care to Floridians in need.

c. What direct services will be provided to citizens by the appropriation project?

The funding will be utilized to create job and training opportunities as well as increase access to substance use disorder treatment services for Floridians living in the targeted rural counties. These services may include but are not limited to in-home withdrawal management (detox), medically assisted treatment (MAT), psychotherapy, family therapy, family education, and peer support. The benefits to Floridians in these counties will continue on beyond the project's funding period as these professionals continue to deliver care to Floridians in need.

d. Who is the target population served by this project? How many individuals are expected to be served?

The targeted population served by this project is two-fold. Most importantly, the project targets persons suffering from SUD in the targeted rural counties who lack access to SUD treatment and/or are unwilling to seek treatment that would significantly interrupt their and their family's lives. Aware Recovery Care will answer this need through its innovative and proven in-home SUD services. To do so, the project will allow for the recruitment, hiring and training of persons residing in the targeted rural counties to provide care to SUD patients. This answers an underlying problem for increasing access to care in rural Florida: providers are often unable or deterred from providing services in rural counties due to difficulties in recruiting and hiring quality licensed and unlicensed providers in those communities. The project will allow for numerous providers to be hired and trained, each of which will provide care to dozens of Floridians every year, well beyond the life of this project.

e. What is the expected benefit or outcome of this project? What is the methodology by which this outcome will be measured?

Licensed and unlicensed Floridians residing in, or recruited to reside in, the targeted rural counties will be hired and trained to provide SUD treatment, thus increasing employment opportunities for these Floridians and economic activity for the area. This training and care delivery model does not currently exist in the targeted rural counties. Aware will track and report the number of individuals who are hired and trained through this initiative. These individuals, once trained, will begin providing in-home SUD treatment to Floridians lacking access to such care or who may be deterred from seeking such care due to interruptions to their and their family's lives, utilizing Aware Recovery's Care unique and proven in-home approach to care delivery. Aware will track and report the number of individuals in the targeted rural counties who are benefiting from services delivered by persons recruited/hired/trained through this initiative.

f. What are the suggested penalties that the contracting agency may consider in addition to its standard penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures provided for the contract?

If expenditures are not provided and documented correctly the Department may withhold payment.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name
b. Organization
c. E-mail Address
d. Phone Number Ext.

16. Recipient Contact Information



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1883

a. Organization

b. Municipality and County

c. Organization Type

- ☒ For Profit Entity
- ☐ Non Profit 501(c)(3)
- ☐ Non Profit 501(c)(4)
- ☐ Local Entity
- ☐ University or College
- ☐ Other (please specify)

d. First Name Last Name

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number